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| - The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address - Period for Reply | | | | | | | |
| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). Status | | | | | | | |
| 1)⊠ | Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>08 A</u> | <u>lugust 2006</u> . | | | | | |
| 2a)⊠ | This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ Thi | is action is non-final. | · | | | | |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. Disposition of Claims | | | | | | | |
| 4)⊠ | Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application | | | | | | |
| | 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5,6 and 8-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration. | | | | | | |
| 5) | Claim(s) is/are allowed. | | | | | | |
| 6)⊠ | Claim(s) 1-4 and 7 is/are rejected. | · | | | | | |
| 7) | Claim(s) is/are objected to. | | | | | | |
| 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Application Papers | | | | | | | |
| 9)[| The specification is objected to by the Examiner | r. | · | | | | |
| 10) | The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accept | oted or b)□ objected to by the Exa | miner. | | | | |
| | Applicant may not request that any objection to the | e drawing(s) be held in abeyance. S | ee 37 CFR 1.85(a). | | | | |
| 11)[| The proposed drawing correction filed on | is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disappro | oved by the Examiner. | | | | |
| If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action. | | | | | | | |
| 12) | The oath or declaration is objected to by the Exa | aminer. | | | | | |
| Priority | under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 | | | | | | |
| 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). | | | | | | | |
| a) | a)⊠ All b)□ Some * c)□ None of: | | | | | | |
| | 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. | | | | | | |
| | 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No | | | | | | |
| Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. | | | | | | | |
| 14) 🔲 . | 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application). | | | | | | |
| a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received. 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121. | | | | | | | |
| Attachment(s) | | | | | | | |
| 2) 🔲 Noti | ce of References Cited (PTO-892) ce of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) mation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) | 5) Notice of Informal | y (PTO-413) Paper No(s) Patent Application (PTO-152) | | | | |

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DETAILED ACTION

- 1. Claims 1-12 are pending.
- 2. Claims 5, 6 and 8-12 are withdrawn from consideration.
- 3. In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b).
- 4. Applicants are reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).
- 5. Applicant's arguments filed August 8, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
- 6. Claims 1-4 and 7 are <u>again</u> rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Brouwer et al (Reference N, cited by the Examiner).

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See reasons of record in the Office Action mailed April 10, 2006.

Response To Applicants' Remarks about

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

7. Applicant has amended the proviso of Claims 1 and 2 to disclaim compounds of a particular substitution pattern wherein R8 is substituted or unsubstituted NH-phenyl and wherein either the nitrogen atom or the phenyl ring is substituted or unsubstituted. Applicants believe this amendment is sufficient to eliminate any overlap with the compound genus and/or species disclosed in Brouwer.

It is the Examiner's position that the:

- > The proviso does not distinguish every compound as disclosed by the Brouwer et al reference.
- The Brouwer et al reference teaches the following compound disclosed by the chemical name 2-chloro-N-[[[4-[[[(4-chlorophenyl) propylamino] carbonyl] amino]-3 -(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]carbonyl]-benzamide ,which is depicted below

- > At page 4 of Brower et al, line 7, see compound (63).
- The claimed proviso states the radicals do not have the following meanings at the same time: R6 is H or CF₃; R7 is H; X is O; Y is O or S; R8 is

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substituted or unsubtituted NH-phenyl; wherein either the nitrogen atom or the phenyl ring is substituted or unsubstituted.

- To compare with the instantly claimed compounds, the radical R3, R4, R5, and R6 can represent CF₃; R8 is N(alkyl)-phenyl.
- The proviso does not exclude 1) the radical R3, R4, and R5 is H or CF₃ and 2) R8 is N-alkyl.
- As such, the rejection under 35 USC 102 (b) is maintained.
- 8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zinna N. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0682.

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10. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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